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#### INFORMATION ON ONE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WISHING TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH UNIDO

##### Information on one intergovernmental organization not in the United Nations system

Note by the Director-General

##### Summary

Provides information on an intergovernmental organization (League of Arab States) that has expressed the wish to enter into an appropriate relationship agreement with UNIDO.

1. Article 19.1 (a) of the Constitution stipulates that the Director-General may, with the approval of the Board and subject to guidelines established by the Conference, "enter into agreements establishing appropriate relationships with ... intergovernmental and governmental organizations". The Guidelines (decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, paras. 8 and 9) put forward that the Director-General shall circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental and governmental organizations wishing to enter into agreements with UNIDO; upon approval of the Board, the Director-General shall conclude appropriate relationship agreements with the organizations concerned.

2. Information concerning the League of Arab States, which has expressed the wish to enter into an appropriate relationship agreement with UNIDO, is contained in the annex to the present document.

#### ACTION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

3. The Board may wish to authorize the Director-General, in accordance with General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, paragraph 9, to conclude an appropriate relationship agreement with the League of Arab States based on the information contained in the annex to the present document.

Annex

LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES (LAS)

Historical background

Established in March 1945 at Cairo, Egypt, when the Charter of the League of Arab States was signed by representatives of the then seven independent Arab States. A complementary treaty, entitled "Treaty for Common Defence and Economic Cooperation among Member States of the Arab League" was adopted in June 1950.

Purpose

Strengthens links between member States, coordinates their political plans, safeguards their independence and their sovereignty and promotes cooperation in: economic and financial matters, including trade, customs, monetary, agricultural and industrial questions; railways, roads, air and sea connections, post and telecommunications; cultural affairs, questions relating to nationality, passports, visas, execution of judicial sentences and extradition of criminals; social affairs; and health questions.

Structure

Ministerial Council  
Secretariat General  
Economic and Social Council  
Joint Defence Council  
Specialized Ministerial Councils

Membership

Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

Activities

Exchange of documentation and information  
Joint technical cooperation  
programmes/projects  
Attendance at relevant meetings

Relations with other intergovernmental and governmental organizations

Economic and Social Council, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Civil Aviation Organization, International Labour Organisation, International Organization for Migration, Organization of American States, Organization of African Unity, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Meteorological Organization and several others.

Relations with international non-governmental organizations

Numerous contacts with non-governmental organizations.

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